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(C) Charge d'Affaires met February 15 with MFA Director of International Organization Affairs Ambassador Abdullah Ahmed Al-Murad to deliver reftel demarche on defeating Venezuela's bid for a seat on the UN Security Council. Al-Murad recounted his personal experiences as Ambassador to Venezuela in 1993, and his negative impressions of Hugo Chavez from that time and from Chavez' visit to Saddam Hussein's Iraq in 2000. He also said Kuwait recalls vividly Cuba's position on the Security Council in 1990, and that Venezuela may be looking for a similar disruptive role. He said he would pass U.S. concerns to the Minister.

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